

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 - 16 and 18 - 21 are pending in the application. All of the claims are subject to a restriction requirement.

By the present amendment, claims 2 - 5, 19 and 20 have been amended to call for "A helicopter comprising" Further, new claim 22 has been added to the case. New claim 22 is directed to all of the species set forth in claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13.

In the office action mailed August 12, 2005, the Examiner required restriction between the following groups of invention:

I. Claims 2 - 5, 19, and 20, drawn to a self extinguishing composite primary structure, classified in class 141, subclass 8; and

II. Claims 6 - 18, and 21 drawn to a helicopter, classified in class 244, subclass 133.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of group II, claims 6 - 18 and 21, for the purposes of examination. The election is made with traverse.

It is submitted that the restriction requirement is now moot in view of the amendments to claims 2 - 5, 19 and 20 and the addition of new claim 22. All of the claims pending in the application are drawn to a helicopter and thus fall into elected group II.

With regard to the election of species requirement contained in the office action, Applicant hereby elects the species of claim 9. Claims 2 - 6 and 19 - 22 are generic and claims 9 and 10 read on the elected species. The election is made with traverse.

The election of species requirement is pointless since the Examiner has already examined each of the claims in the various species on two separate occasions. Further, the Examiner is required to search and examine all of the species in view of new claim 22. In light of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the election of species requirement and to examine each of claims 7 - 13.

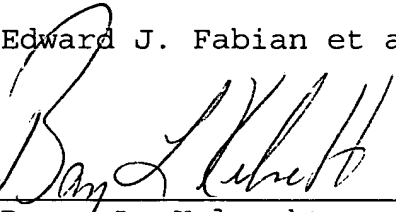
An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of the instant response. Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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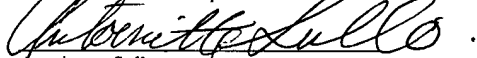
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